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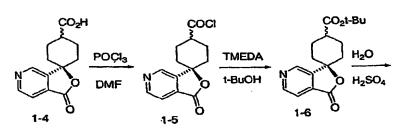
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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING SPIROLACTONE COMPOUNDS

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a process for making spirolactone compounds of general formula I, having an improved IA/IB ratio, according to the following sheeme.



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CO}_2\text{H} \\ \text{N} \\ \text{I-7} \\ \text{(IC)} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \text{CO}_2\text{H} \\ \text{H} \\ \text{V} \\ \text{I-8} \\ \text{IA} \\ -80:20 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{CO}_2\text{H} \\ \text{H} \\ \text{I-9} \\ \text{IB} \\ \text{IA} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{CO}_2\text{H} \\ \text{H} \\ \text{IIA} \\ \text{IB} \\ \text{IIA} \\ \end{array}$$

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